

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 90

*Proposition 90 stops eminent domain abuse!*

Local governments can take homes, businesses, and churches through unfair use of eminent domain. They can also take away your property value with the stroke of a pen.

We are three average Californians, and it happened to us.

Local governments unfairly tried to take our property away from us and turn it over to developers to build condos, hotels, and other commercial projects.

Why? Because these developers are politically connected, and their projects will generate more tax revenue for local governments.

*If government can take our property, it can take yours too.*

- Manuel Romero had eminent domain used against his family restaurant so that a Mercedes-Benz dealership next door could use the space for a parking lot.
- Bob Blue had eminent domain used against his small luggage store—in his family for almost sixty years—so that a luxury hotel could be built.
- Pastor Roem Agustin had his church threatened with condemnation so that a developer could build condominiums.

It's wrong for senior citizens, small business owners, or anyone who can't fight back to be forced to give up their property so wealthy developers can build giant retail stores, shopping malls, and upscale housing developments.

*Government can also take property without compensating property owners.*

When governments pass regulations that reduce the value of your property, it's called regulatory taking. When this happens you should be compensated by the government for your lost value.

Government should not be able to take your home—outright or through regulations that reduce the value of your property—without it being for a legitimate PUBLIC use and without paying for what it takes.

That's simple fairness.

*That's why California needs Proposition 90, the Protect Our Homes Act.*

Proposition 90 will:

- restore homeowners' rights that were gutted last year by the Supreme Court's outrageous *Kelo* decision. That ruling allows eminent domain to be used to take homes and businesses and turn them over to private developers.
- return eminent domain to legitimate public uses, such as building roads, schools, firehouses, and other needs that serve the public and not the financial interests of the government and powerful developers.
- restrict government's ability to take away people's use of their property without compensating them.

*Those who benefit financially from the status quo are spending millions to mislead voters and claim the sky is falling.*

Opponents are engaging in scare tactics in order to divert attention from their REAL MOTIVE—maintaining the status quo so they can continue to profit from taking our private property.

For example, opponents falsely claim that the measure will hurt the enforcement of environmental regulations. But all existing California environmental laws and regulations are expressly protected.

The Protect Our Homes Act protects *all of us*—and helps families for future generations—while stopping government from taking your property simply to boost tax revenue.

*Save our homes and businesses.*

Please vote YES on Proposition 90.

For more information, visit [www.protectourhomes2006.com](http://www.protectourhomes2006.com).

**MANUEL ROMERO**, Eminent Domain Abuse Victim

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**PASTOR ROEM AGUSTIN**, Eminent Domain Abuse Victim

## REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 90

Of course we can all agree that Californians deserve protection from eminent domain abuse. And, if Prop. 90 was a well-designed reform of eminent domain, many thoughtful Californians would support it.

However, the out-of-state drafter of Prop. 90 is attempting a bait and switch on voters. This poorly-written proposition is loaded with unrelated and far-reaching provisions that will harm, not protect, homeowners and be very expensive for all California taxpayers.

We can't afford to be misled.

The hidden provisions in Prop. 90 create a new category of lawsuits that allow wealthy landowners and corporations to sue for huge new payouts. These lawsuits and payouts would cost California taxpayers billions of dollars every year.

That's why groups representing taxpayers, homeowners, businesses, police and fire, environmentalists, and farmers all urge you to Vote NO on 90.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA says: "*Prop. 90 would fundamentally change our system of*

*representative democracy and put the interests of a few above the well-being of ALL Californians.*"

Prop. 90 is anti-taxpayer and anti-homeowner.

That's why THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNERS OPPOSES PROP. 90 and says: "*Prop. 90 is a trap that actually hurts homeowners. It would cost taxpayers billions and erode basic laws that protect our communities, our neighborhoods, and the value of our homes.*"

Say NO to the Taxpayer TRAP. Vote NO on 90.

[www.NoProp90.com](http://www.NoProp90.com)

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